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Dear Congressman Hochbrueckner:

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Thank you for your letter urging that home shopping station WHSI-TV, Long Island, be entitled to must-carry status on cable television.

Our Notice of Proposed Rule Making (MC Docket No. 93-8) was initiated to examine whether home shopping stations operate in the public interest and whether they should be entitled to must-carry status. The Notice (enclosed) includes a discussion of the criteria to be used in making these determinations and the potential impact on home shopping stations once regulations have been adopted.

Your comments will be placed in the record of this proceeding so that the Commission can be mindful of your concerns during its deliberations. I trust that the foregoing and the enclosure are informative.

Sincerely

James H. Quello Chairman

Enclosure

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April 28, 1993

Mr. James H. Quello Commissioner Federal Communications Commission 1919 M Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Commissioner Quello:

I am writing to you concerning the inclusion of WHSI-TV, of Long Island, New York, as part of the "must carry" provisions of the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) implementation of the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act (P.L. 102-385).

I understand that the FCC is considering whether stations carrying home shopping programming should be included as "must carry" channels on mandated basic cable packages under P.L. 102-385. While the Home Shopping Club consists of a large portion of WHSI-TV's programming, it remains committed to airing public interest programs and other local programming. I have appeared on WHSI-TV on numerous occasions concerning public issues of importance to the residents of Long Island, New York. I am impressed with their commitment to providing an open forum for the public and to airing differing viewpoints from the local community.

I urge you to carefully consider stations such as WHSI, who are committed to airing local programming when implementing final regulations under the "must carry" provisions of the Cable Act. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress

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